

A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy for
his service to Middle Tennessee State
University.

WHEREAS, it is important that the elected members of this General Assembly honor those inimitable Tennesseans whose contributions to the people of their communities can only be described as remarkable; and

WHEREAS, Coach Charles "Bubber" Murphy is one such person whose exemplary coaching and administrative talents played an integral role in establishing Middle Tennessee State University as a football powerhouse for over 30 years, a tradition that has continued through to the present; and

WHEREAS, Coach Murphy's illustrious career began as a player for Middle Tennessee in 1935. For three years, his versatility earned him letters in football, basketball, baseball and tennis. In addition, he was a professional baseball player for class AAA Jersey City in the International League; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Middle Tennessee in 1938, Coach Murphy accepted a football coaching job at Goodlettsville High School. He then served in the U.S. Navy for four years before receiving his master's degree from Peabody College; and

WHEREAS, while coaching at Peabody Demonstration School, he was called home to his alma mater in 1947 as head football coach and athletic director; and

WHEREAS, during Coach Murphy's 22 years on the gridiron, he provided Blue Raider fans with some of the finest teams in the nation's college division. His overall record at MTSU was an amazing 155-63-8, one of the best in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Coach Murphy's contributions to the high school programs in Tennessee have been far-reaching as well. Many young men who played football for Coach Murphy are now in the educational field across the state and region, serving as coaches, teachers, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, "Bubber" Murphy ended 34 years of service to Middle Tennessee State University in 1981. For 22 years, he simultaneously served as head football coach and athletic director, and in 1969, he dropped his title as head football coach to devote all of his time to the role of director of athletics; and

WHEREAS, he was inducted into the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame in 1973 and is a member of the Blue Raider and Tennessee Halls of Fame; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, April 28, Coach Murphy will be deservedly honored by the Blue Raider Athletic Association's All-Sports banquet, in ceremonies recognizing him for his noteworthy contributions to MTSU and the Murfreesboro community; and as a lasting tribute the annual banquet will henceforth be known as the Bubber Murphy Dinner; and

WHEREAS, the banquet will also serve as a forum to honor and recognize the senior student-athletes and to announce the recipient of the "Bubber" Murphy Scholarship, to be awarded annually to a deserving MTSU student-athlete; and

WHEREAS, a Murfreesboro resident, Coach Murphy and his beloved wife, Leona, are still very active in the community and MTSU athletic activities; and they both enjoy the love and support of their three sons, Mike, Bob and Pat; and

WHEREAS, it is important that this legislative body honor those exemplary Tennesseans who have given unreservedly of themselves and their talents to perpetuate the public good; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we recognize Coach Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy for his many years of outstanding service to

MTSU and to the people of Murfreesboro, extending to him our best wishes for much continued happiness and success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be made and presented to Coach Murphy and MTSU, with this final clause omitted from such copies.